

# MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

HELD ON: May 11th, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT: BAIER, HOFFMAN, SHARON, WOLK, HOLEWINSKI

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: MAASS/COMMISSIONER, SCHOLTES/ASST HWY COMMISSIONER, WRYCHA/OFFICE MGR, COOPER/SECRETARY, LANG, VAN NATTA, & KOWAL/BECHER-HOPPE ASSOCIATES INC., EXFERD, RATHKE, & POPKE/MEAD & HUNT, INC., KROKEWSKI/OMNNI ASSOCIATION, INC., KREKOWSKI & GALE/OMNNI ASSOCIATION INC.

The following matters were taken up to wit:

1. Baier called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. It was noted the meeting was properly posted and the media notified.
2. **Motion:** Holewinski/Hoffman to approve the agenda. All ayes.
3. **Motion:** Hoffman/Sharon to approve the minutes of the May 4th, 2006, meeting. Holewinski, who was not present at the last meeting, questioned the denial of the security system at the past meeting. Maass said that the committee felt the Highway Dept had better things to do with our money at this time. The cost would be \$1,220.00 plus a \$300.00 annual monitoring fee. Holewinski asked 'what about the problems we have had here in the past?' Maass commented that the locks on the doors to the front office have been changed and now only four people have keys. Wrycha said only six people had keys before the break-in. Sharon has seen problems with security systems in the past in other places, and half the time, the people do not set them because of all the false alarms. Wrycha informed the committee that, without some sort of security system, she and the Secretary would no longer be working alone after hours. From now on, another Highway employee will be present. Sharon suggested having someone from the Sheriff's Dept be at the office when the Secretary and/or Office Mgr have to work after hours. Others did not see this as a feasible option. Wolk said he would like to see this item on a future agenda to discuss the matter further. All ayes to the above motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.
4. **Motion:** Hoffman/Sharon to approve vouchers #267 – 294 for a total of \$26,265.11. Hoffman questioned a \$14,000 payment to Badger Scale. Maass explained that that was a portion of the payment for the new scale. After the scale is completely installed, an invoice will be sent to the State for reimbursement. Holewinski asked why we purchased a 10-foot scale when our underbody blades are 12 foot; the trucks will not fit. Maass said some unexpected modifications will need to be done to the new scale. Holewinski asked if the State was paying for the modifications. Maass said yes. All ayes to the above motion to approve the vouchers.
5. Interviews were conducted for Phase II of CTH "J". Interviewees included: Becher-Hoppe Associates, Inc., Mead & Hunt, Inc., and OMNNI Associates, Inc.
6. **Motion:** Hoffman/Sharon to rate the three consultants in this order: #1 - Becher-Hoppe; #2 - OMNNI Associates, Inc.; #3 - Mead & Hunt, Inc. All ayes. The committee unanimously agreed that Becher-Hoppe Associates gave the best presentation; they covered all aspects of the project in the discussions, and because of their involvement with Phase I, they were more knowledgeable about the project. Holewinski instructed Maass to talk with the Forestry Dept about getting a grant to fund a bridge for the snowmobile trail that now crosses CTH "J".
7. Public Comments:  
Scholtes mentioned that Piehl Town Chairman Uhl said not to bother coming to his town board meeting to discuss the County/Township Agreements because Mr. Baier had told him that his township would be exempt from the contract. Scholtes tried to explain to Uhl that he must have misunderstood Baier. Also,

the town had already made a motion at their last meeting to not sign the contract with the county. Holewinski told Scholtes to get something in writing from the township stating that they will not be participating in our Township Agreement, so they understand that we will not be plowing their snow this winter. Maass and Sharon will still be attending the Town of Enterprise board meeting this evening to discuss the agreements in detail.

8. Future Agenda Items

- Security system for the Rhinelander shop

Future Meeting Dates:

May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 8:00 a.m.

June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 8:00 a.m.

June 12 – 14, 2006 (WCHA Summer Conference)

June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006, 8:00 a.m.

July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 8:00 a.m.

July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 8:00 a.m.

9. **Motion:** Hoffman/Sharon to adjourn at 9:55 a.m. All ayes.

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Committee Chairperson

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Committee Secretary